

REMARKS

The three-month for period for responding to the last Office Action expired on July 20, 2010. A Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time and the associated fee are enclosed herewith. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claim 1 is being amended to incorporate the features of previous claims 2-4, claim 5 is being amended to update its dependency, and claims 2-4 and 17 are being cancelled. The addition of "new matter" has been scrupulously avoided. Claims 1 and 5-14 remain in this application.

In the last Office Action, claims 6-14 were allowed, and claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In accordance with the guidance provided by the Examiner, the limitations of claims 2-4 have now been incorporated into independent claim 1, and the dependency of claim 5 changed accordingly.

The prior rejections are, therefore, moot, and all of the claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance.

If it would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below indicated telephone number.

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